REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 30, 60, 63, 68, and 69; rejected claims 1-16, 31-46, and 61 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,798,753 to Doganata et al. ("*Doganata*") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0208541 to Musa ("*Musa*") and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0075303 to Thompson et al. ("*Thompson*"); and rejected claims 17-29, 47-59, 62, and 64-67 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over *Doganata* in view of *Musa* and further in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0146105 to McIntyre ("*McIntyre*").

By this amendment, Applicants amend claims 1, 17, 31, 47, 61, 62, and 67, and cancel claims 64-66 without prejudice or disclaimer.

I.   Allowed Claims 30, 60, 63, 68, and 69

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 30, 60, 63, 68, and 69.

II.   The Rejection of Claims 1-16, 31-46, and 61 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-16, 31-46, and 61 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). A *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established with respect to these claims.

Claim 1, for example, recites a method comprising, among other things, "determining a most recently used device for a first conference user, the most recently used device being one of a plurality of devices used by the first conference user" (emphasis added).

Doganata discloses a method and system for providing automatic scheduling and establishment of telephone conferences over a network (*Doganata*, abstract).

Doganata further discloses automatically contacting participants in the conference call using email messages (*Doganata*, col. 5, lines 25-28). However, *Doganata* does not disclose or suggest determining a most recently used device for the participants in the conference call. Accordingly, *Doganata* does not teach or suggest "determining a <u>most recently used device</u> for a first conference user, the most recently used device being one of a plurality of devices used by the first conference user," as recited by independent claim 1 (emphasis added).

Musa discloses real time wireless collaboration conferencing using handheld PDA's (*Musa*, abstract). *Musa* also discloses protocol messages between the handheld PDA's (*Musa*, ¶ 33). However, *Musa* does not disclose or suggest using the protocol to determine a most recently used device for a user. Accordingly, *Musa* does not teach or suggest "determining a <u>most recently used device</u> for a first conference user, the most recently used device being one of a plurality of devices used by the first conference user," as recited by independent claim 1.

Thompson discloses a "collaboration services suite" that supports integrated telecommunications for members of a virtual team (*Thompson*, abstract). *Thompson* also discloses enabling team members to create one or more profiles with "communications preferences" (*Thompson*, ¶ 95). *Thompson's* profiles can identify various devices, such as an office PC or telephone, with which the user prefers to communicate (*Thompson*, ¶ 96). However, *Thompson* fails to teach or suggest determining a most recently used device for the user. Instead, in *Thompson*, communications are simply routed to the device specified by the user's current profile, without determining whether the specified device was recently used (*Thompson*, ¶¶ 87,

150). Accordingly, *Thompson* does not teach or suggest "determining a <u>most recently used device</u> for a first conference user, the most recently used device being one of a plurality of devices used by the first conference user," as recited by independent claim 1.

Accordingly, no *prima facie* case of obviousness has been established with respect to independent claim 1. Independent claims 31 and 61, though of different scope from claim 1, recite features similar to those set forth above with respect to claim 1. Claims 31 and 61 are therefore allowable for reasons similar to those presented above with regard to claim 1.

Claims 2-16 and 32-46 depend from one of the independent claims, and the dependent claims are therefore allowable at least due to their dependence from allowable base claims.

III. The Rejection of Claims 17-29, 47-59, 62, and 64-67 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 64-66 have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot with respect to these claims. Independent claim 17, for example, recites a method comprising, among other things, "storing data identifying a first device and a second device associated with a first conference user, the <u>data reflecting that the first device is preferred by the first conference user for use during a first time period</u> and the second device is preferred for use during a second time period" (emphasis added).

As discussed, *Doganata* discloses a method and system for providing automatic scheduling and establishment of telephone conferences over a network (*Doganata*, abstract), and automatically contacting participants in the conference call using email messages (*Doganata*, col. 5, lines 25-28). However, *Doganata* does not disclose or

suggest "storing data identifying a first device and a second device associated with a first conference user, the <u>data reflecting that the first device is preferred by the first conference user for use during a first time period</u> and the second device is preferred for use during a second time period," as recited by independent claim 17 (emphasis added).

Musa fails to cure the deficiencies of *Doganata*. As discussed, *Musa* discloses real time wireless collaboration conferencing using handheld PDA's (*Musa*, abstract). *Musa* also discloses protocol messages between the handheld PDA's (*Musa*, ¶ 33). However, *Musa* does not disclose or suggest "storing data identifying a first device and a second device associated with a first conference user, the <u>data reflecting that the first device is preferred by the first conference user for use during a first time period</u> and the second device is preferred for use during a second time period," as recited by independent claim 17 (emphasis added).

McIntyre discloses a method and system for informing users of incoming calls to a primary phone number by notifying the user on a portable device (*McIntyre*, abstract). Subscribers to *McIntyre's* system may have various devices such as an office telephone, pager, and cellular phone (*McIntyre*, ¶ 16). However, while *McIntyre* discloses that the user selects options to pass incoming calls to different phone numbers (*McIntyre*, ¶ 20), *McIntyre* does not disclose doing so based on stored data reflecting that the different phone numbers are preferred at particular time periods. Rather, *McIntyre* merely discloses that the call is sent to the device identified by the user when the user receives an incoming call (*McIntyre*, ¶ 20). Accordingly, *McIntyre* does not disclose or suggest "storing data identifying a first device and a second device

associated with a first conference user, the <u>data reflecting that the first device is</u>

<u>preferred by the first conference user for use during a first time period</u> and the second

device is preferred for use during a second time period," as recited by independent

claim 17 (emphasis added).

Accordingly, no *prima facie* case of obviousness has been established with

respect to independent claim 17. Independent claims 47, 62, and 67, though of different

scope from claim 17, recite features similar to those set forth above with respect to

claim 17. Claims 47, 62, and 67 are therefore allowable for reasons similar to those

presented above with regard to claim 17.

Claims 18-29 and 48-59 depend from one of the independent claims, and the

dependent claims are therefore allowable at least due to their dependence from
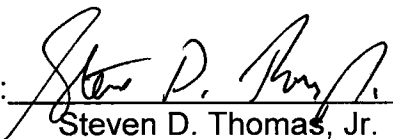
allowable base claims.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully

request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending

claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge

any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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